

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 233

House concurrent resolution in memory of Richard Walters of Shelburne

Offered by: Representatives Webb of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Clarkson of Woodstock, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Johnson of South Hero, Klein of East Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Nuovo of Middlebury, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sheldon of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, and Sweaney of Windsor

Offered by: Senators Sirotkin, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Lyons, Snelling, and Zuckerman

Whereas, Dick Walters's nine-decades-long life was one of business leadership, multi-season outdoor recreational pursuits, deeply personal and historically significant public advocacy, and, above all, love of his family, and

Whereas, Dick Walters was born in Brooklyn, New York, and, while a high school student, he met his future wife, Ginny, and their marriage endured for seven decades, and

Whereas, he graduated from Yale University and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and

Whereas, his career in retail merchandising included staff positions at both B. Altman and Macy's department stores in New York City and as a company vice president at Halle's in Cleveland, Ohio, and Gimbel's in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, Dick Walters applied his business acumen to improving the financial soundness of a member-owned ski club to which his family belonged, and

Whereas, early retirement enabled Dick Walters to devote his attention to competitive sailing on Lake Erie and to pleasure cruising on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and on the Great Lakes, and, during the past decade, on Lake Champlain, and

Whereas, Dick Walters will be best remembered as a strong proponent of Vermonters' gaining the legal right to determine their own end-of-life choices, and this passion led to his cofounding Patient Choices Vermont (PCV), and

Whereas, through PCV, Dick Walters advocated successfully for the passage of an act relating to patient choice and control at end of life, and

Whereas, Dick Walters, who had been diagnosed with lung cancer, died peacefully, on his own terms, on October 16, 2015 at 90 years of age, and

Whereas, his survivors include his wife, Ginny; daughters, Nancy and Betsy; and three grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Richard Walters, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ginny Walters in Shelburne.